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人間を愛し、愛されたい。
ささやかなるその想いさえ
罪だというのか……。

絶望の淵を彷徨いながら懸命に生き
ただ人間に憧れただけの、とある
〝かまきり〟の追憶。
血煙舞う衝撃の和風
伝奇譚、元凶の第六巻。

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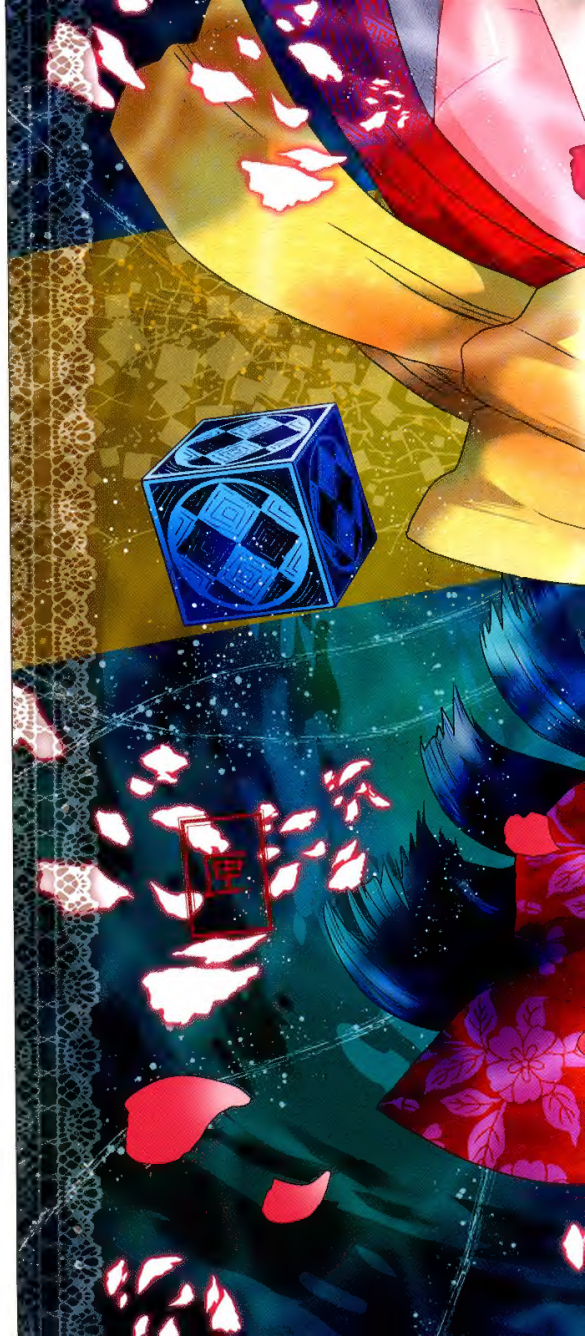

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Appearing Characters

Inugami Possessions

Kuchiwa (Yatsufusa of the Ichika)

Kaina (Yatsufusa of the Ninogi)

Fuurai (Yatsufusa of the Sanzashi)

Hanabishi (Yatsufusa of the Yomotsu)

Ninogi Kaina

Kougen (Yatsufusa of the Gohou)

Hanemaru (Yatsufusa of the Mutsu)

Nanafushi (Yatsufusa of the Nagiri)

Koorogi (Yatsufusa of the Yagusa)

Shirachigo

Akazukin

Main House - Inugami

Inugami Ihana

Heretical Gorging Guard, Shippe

Inugami Sakuya

After Transforming

Tomohime Chinami

Osekami-hime

Branch House - Inunaka

Inunaka Maki

Inunaka Taki

Branch House - Inuo

Inuo Yuzuri

Inuo Tokake

Inumori Family

Inumori Kazae

Inumori Hitoe

Inumori Futae

Inumori Mie

Inumori Yotsue

Inumori Itsue

Inunaka Mutsue

Inunaka Nanae

Inunaka Yae

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WHY?

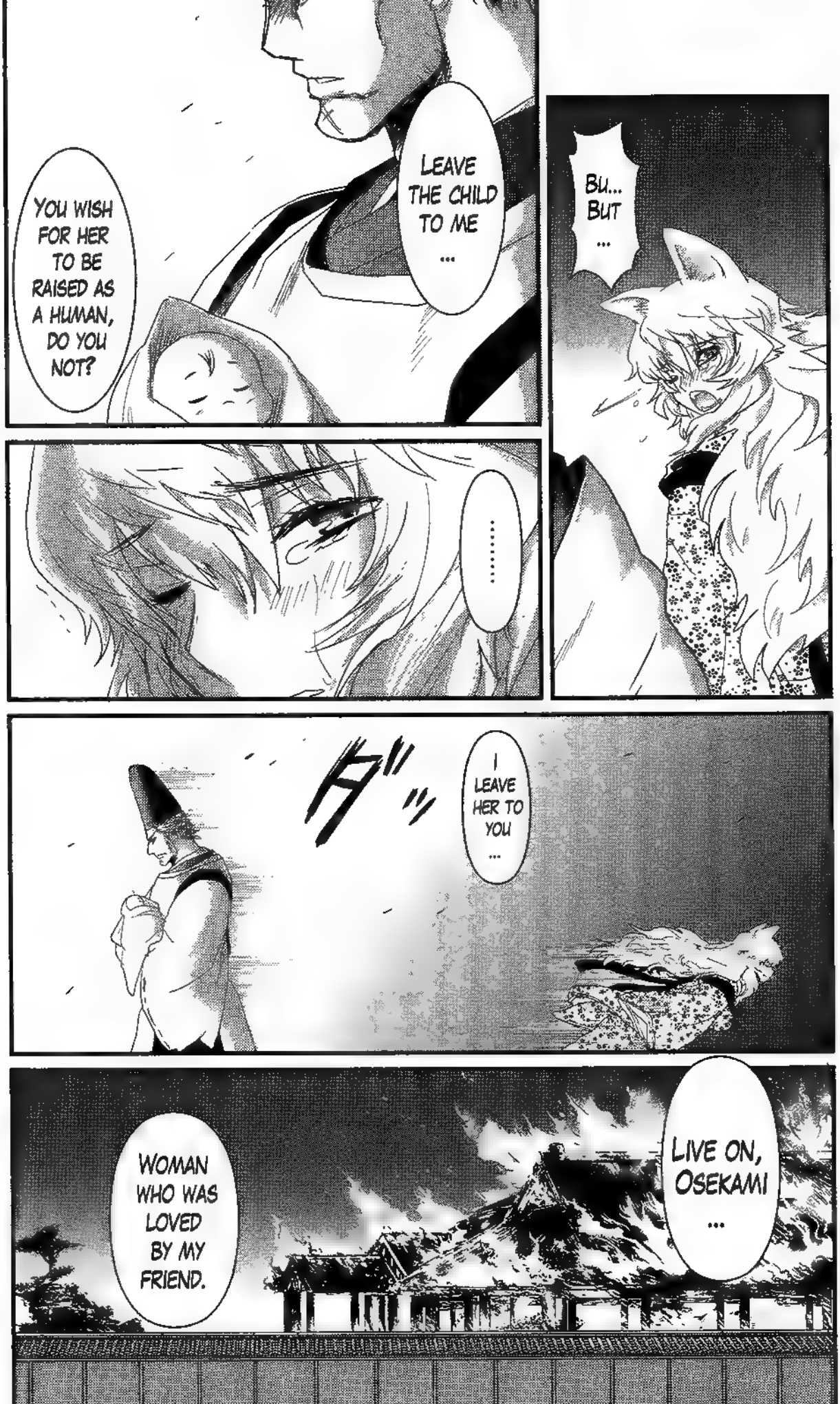
IS LOVING SOMEONE A SIN?!
THIS IS JUST...

THIS IS JUST-!!

34 VISIONS OF BECOMING HUMAN ~THE SHIRACHIGO SPELL

I AM A MONONOKE ...
I ADMIRED HUMANS AND TRIED TO ACT LIKE ONE, HOWEVER ...
WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE... I AM NOTHING MORE THAN A MONONOKE THAT LAPS UP BLOOD...
I KILLED YORUCHIKA !!
I COULD NOT SUPPRESS MY DESIRE FOR BLOOD!
.....
WHAT IS IT... ONMYOUJI ?!

I KILLED YOUR FRIEND!
SHOULD YOU NOT BE KILLING ME OR SEALING ME AWAY RIGHT NOW ?!
.....
I CAN NO LONGER ...
SEE YOU AS A MONONOKE ...
WHAT'S MORE... I DO NOT BELIEVE YORUCHIKA WOULD WISH FOR YOUR DEATH...
LEAVE THIS PLACE BEFORE PEOPLE GATHER!
I WILL TAKE CARE OF THINGS HERE SOMEHOW ...


LEAVE THE CHILD TO ME ...
YOU WISH FOR HER TO BE RAISED AS A HUMAN, DO YOU NOT?
BU... BUT ...
.....
I LEAVE HER TO YOU ...
LIVE ON, OSEKAMI ...
WOMAN WHO WAS LOVED BY MY FRIEND.

THE NEXT 100, 200 YEARS MEANT NOTHING TO ME...
AFTER THAT... I HAD NO IDEA HOW MUCH TIME HAD PASSED...

I WAS CERTAIN THAT THEY HAD ATTACKED TOO MANY PEOPLE.
WHEN I HEADED NORTH AND HEARD OF THEIR BEING "EXTERMINATED" BY THE HUMANS

FROM WHAT I HAD HEARD, A PASSAGE...
IT SEEMED THAT THE "WOLF KAMUI" HAD PERISHED...

THE STRONG, LONG-LIVED HOSE KAMUI TRIBE PERISHED
WHILE I, SOMEONE WHO WAS CALLED THE HATED CHILD FOR ONLY BEING HALF AS PURE, LIVED ON...
HOW IRONIC

GRR... RRR...
HA-HUH ...
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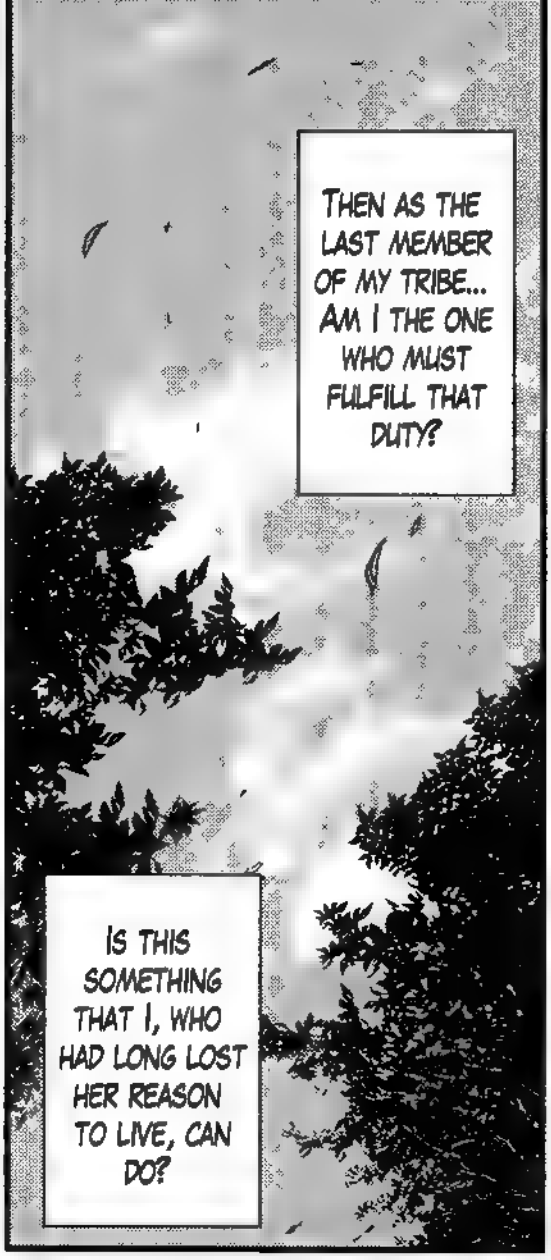
GAAAA

SUPPRESS!

*: NITT HOSE NEKO KORAWO IS SEALING TECHNIQUE
THE HOSE-NEKOKORAWO WORKS QUITE WELL...
HUU ...
ANOTHER SIGN THAT THE "HOSE KAMUI" HAD PERISHED
WAS THE OCCASIONAL APPEARANCE OF THE MEN POSSESSED BY BEAST SPIRITS THROUGHOUT THE LAND.
REGARDLESS, THEY ARE A TRIBE THAT HONOR THE LAWS THEY LIVED BY... IF ANY SURVIVED THEN THEY WOULD BE SURE TO DISPOSE OF ANYONE POSSESSED BY BEAST SPIRITS.
MORE THAN LIKELY THERE WERE MEN THAT WERE BITTEN BY THE "HOSE KAMUI" AND WERE SET FREE WHEN THE HUMANS ATTACKED
JARS AS WELL AS OTHER THINGS THAT HAD BEAST SPIRITS SEALED WITHIN THEM WERE PROBABLY PLUNDERED AS WELL

I WOULD BECOME A GRAVE-KEEPER... AND HUNT FALSE DOG MEN...


THEN AS THE LAST MEMBER OF MY TRIBE... AM I THE ONE WHO MUST FULFILL THAT DUTY?
IS THIS SOMETHING THAT I, WHO HAD LONG LOST HER REASON TO LIVE, CAN DO?

I MYSELF AM A MONSTER. THOUGH I WOULD BE CALLED A PRAYING MANTIS I DO NOT HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO ATTACK PEOPLE...
HHN ...
THAT SAID I WOULD GO ABOUT LAPPING UP A LITTLE OF THE BLOOD OF THOSE I HAD SUPPRESSED...

AND PROLONG MY LIFE ...

IT WAS DURING THIS TIME ...
THAT I CAME TO MEET HIM.
HE WAS A STRANGE ONE...
THOUGH HE WAS A FALSE DOG MAN
HE STILL BELIEVED HIMSELF TO BE HUMAN.
HMMM, LET'S SEE...
HE WAS A STRANGE ONE.

YOU'RE A FINE WOMAN ...
IF I WIN, LET ME DO YOU!!
HE WAS A ...
STRANGE ONE...

HOWEVER
I HAD FELT A COMFORT
THAT I HAD ONLY FELT LONG AGO WHEN I WAS WITH HUMANS...

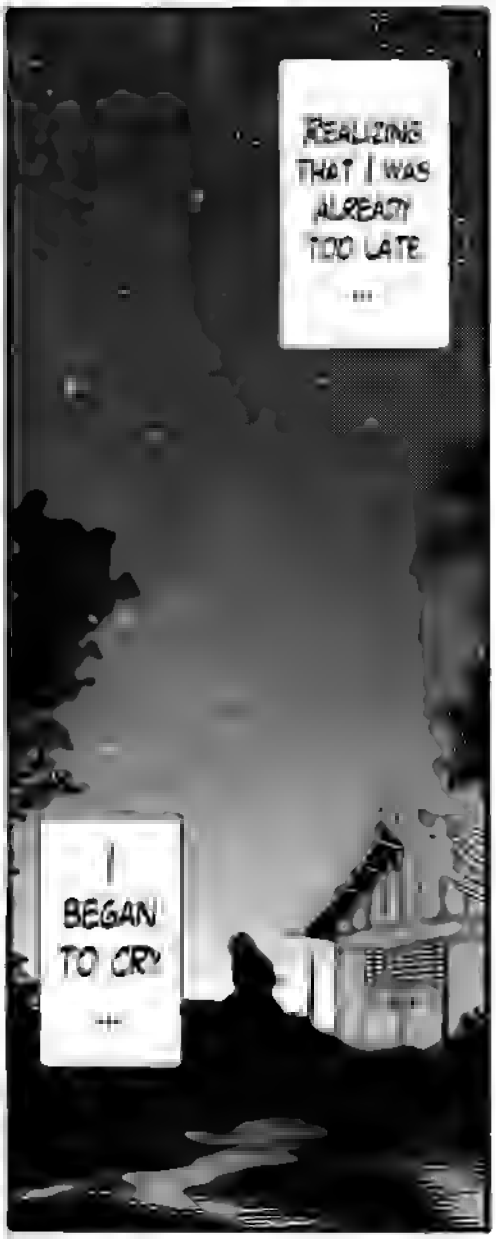
IF I WAS TO TELL THE TRUTH I WAS HAPPY...
EVEN TO BE TOLD BY SOMEONE THAT THEY WISHED TO LAY WITH ME...

HOWEVER ...
IF IT WAS TO BE WITH A FALSE DOG MAN LIKE YOU WHO BELIEVED HIMSELF HUMAN...
THINGS MAY HAVE TURNED OUT DIFFERENTLY FOR ALL I KNEW...

I HAD BECOME UNABLE TO LIVE ANY OTHER WAY ...
DURING THAT TIME I DID NOT KNOW HOW TO ACCEPT YOU...
FORGIVE ME...
SHIPPE ...
KOUGEN ...
YORU-CHIBA ...
AAH ...

I WONDER IF MY CHILD LIVED A GOOD LIFE...
I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO CATCH A GLIMPSE OF HER ALL GROWN UP...
QUITE A LOT OF TIME HAS PASSED SINCE THEN
SO MUCH SO THAT THEY HAVE PROBABLY LONG SINCE PASSED AWAY.

THEN ONE DAY...
HM?


REALIZING THAT I WAS ALREADY TOO LATE...
I BEGAN TO CRY...

!
BEGONE YOU LOT!
GRRR...
OI! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT ?!
WHAT IS A YOUNG GIRL LIKE YOU DOING ALL ALONE ON THIS MOUNTAIN ?!
...WAS RUNNING AN... ERRAND FOR MOTHER...
AND DELIVERING SOMETHING TO THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN
ハァ ハァ...

THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN? HOW ABSURD... THERE IS NOTHING BUT MOUNTAIN BANDITS AND FALSE DOG MEN HERE...
SO IN OTHER WORDS SHE WAS ABANDONED...
YOU'RE VERY BEAUTI... FUL...
YOU LOOK LIKE A COURT... NOBLE...
WHAT DO I DO ?!
"WHAT DO I DO" ?
DO I WANT TO DO SOMETHING ?
THERE WERE COUNTLESS CHILDREN THAT WERE INJURED AND DYING FROM PILLAGING AND YOU PAID THEM NO HEED...
IN ANY CASE I HAVE NO MEANS OF SAV-
MAKE SURE YOU DO NOT USE IT RECKLESSLY
.....!

IT WAS PROBABLY OUT OF SENTIMENTALITY AND THE LOVE I HAD FELT FOR MY CHILD THAT I DID IT...
IF MY CLAIM OF LOVING HUMANS WERE TRUE
THEN THIS WAS SOMETHING I SHOULD NEVER USE ...
ポタ…
ポタ…
ドス…
IN ORDER TO DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING IT IS NECESSARY THAT YOU BECOME AWARE OF THE FORBIDDEN SPELLS...
THIS SPELL ALLOWS FOR MAKING ONE HUMAN IMMORTAL ...
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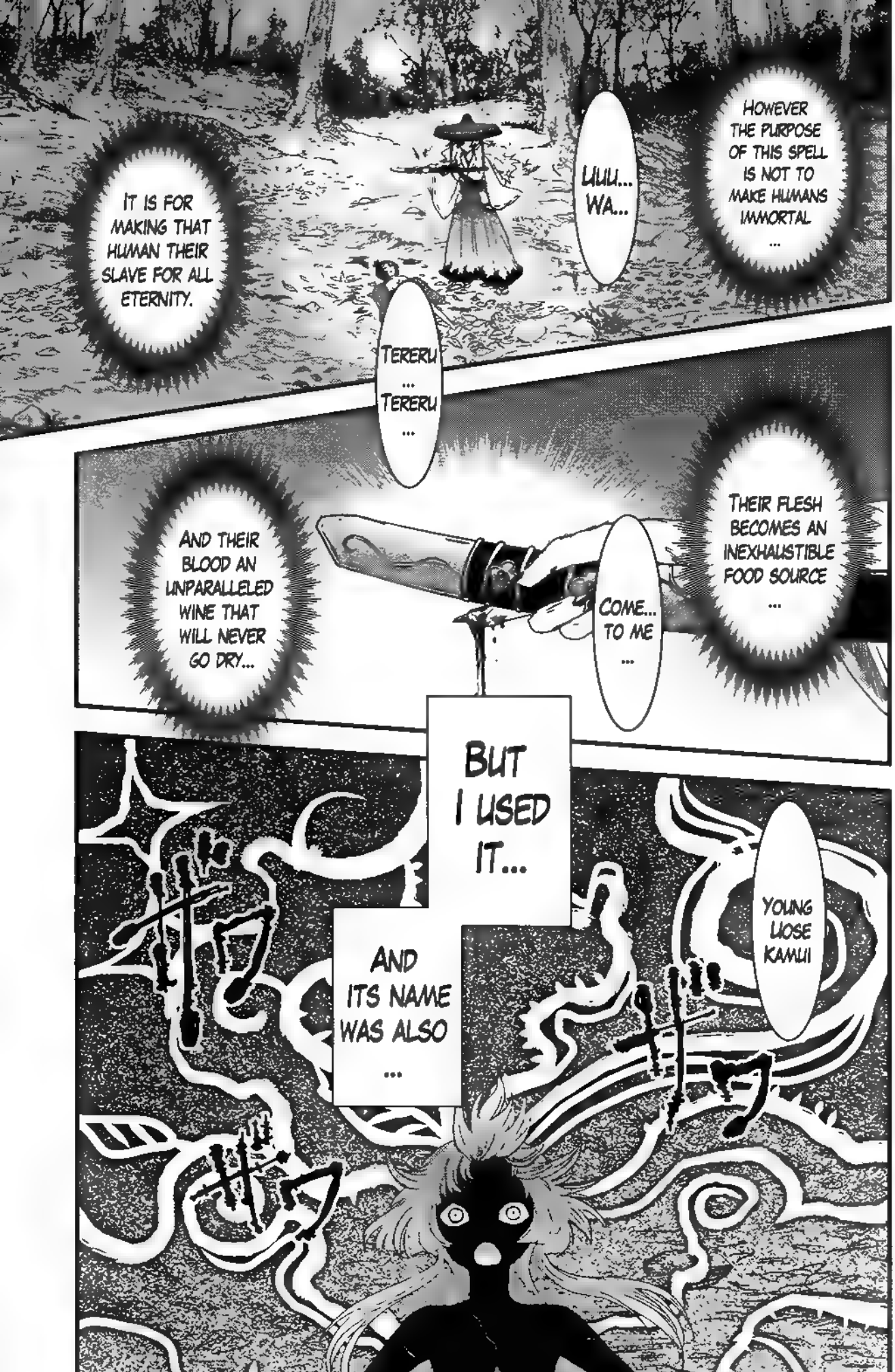
キュ…


Uuu... Wa...
However the purpose of this spell is not to make humans immortal ...
It is for making that human their slave for all eternity.
Tereru ... Tereru ...
Come... to me ...
Their flesh becomes an inexhaustible food source ...
And their blood an unparalleled wine that will never go dry...
But I used it...
And its name was also ...
Young Uose Kamui

The Shirachigo Spell!!
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VISIONS OF BECOMING HUMAN ~THAT WHICH IS NOT HUMAN~

SAKURU-SAMA!
I BROUGHT SOME RATS!!
I SEE ...
SOME TIME HAS PASSED SINCE I HAD SAVED THIS YOUNG GIRL FROM THOSE MOUNTAIN DOGS
PET PET

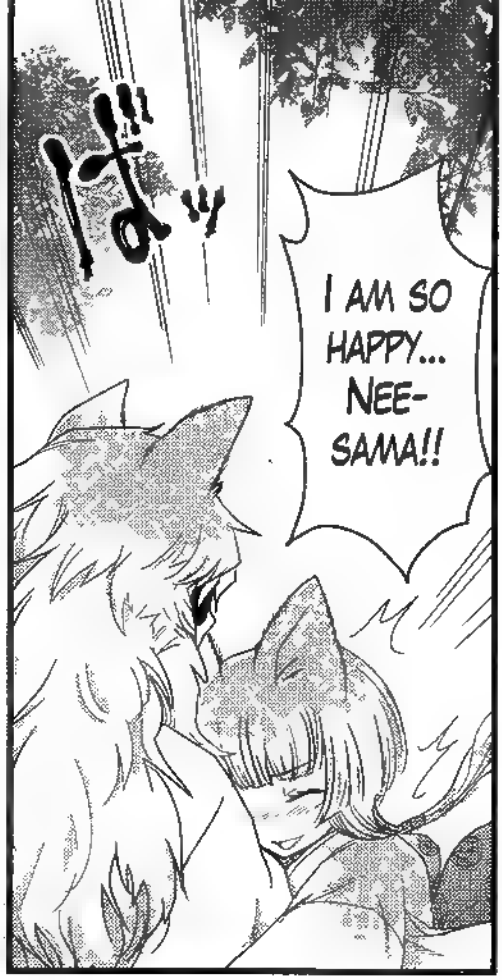
HOWEVER, THE GIRL WAS ADAMANT ABOUT NOT TELLING ME HER NAME.
IS IT NOT ABOUT TIME THAT YOU TOLD ME YOUR NAME?
もぐもぐ…
I HAVE DISCARDED MY HUMAN NAME.
I HAVE BEEN REBORN
AND AS SUCH I DO NOT INTEND TO RETURN TO BEING SUCH A LOWLY EXISTENCE EVER AGAIN.
……
BUT …
BUT IF YOU INSIST ON CALLING ME SOMETHING …
THEN PLEASE, NEE-SAMA... GIVE ME AN "UOSE KAMUI" NAME...

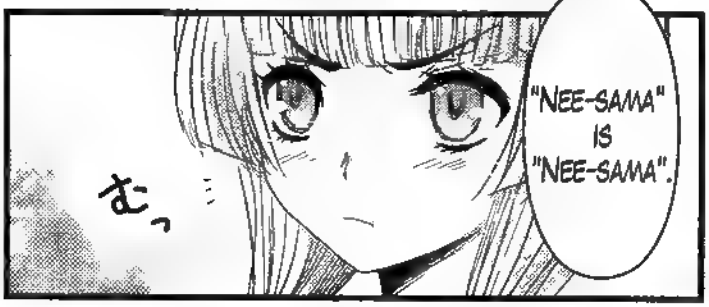
I... GET IT NOW... I SUPPOSE I AM HER... "PARENT"
A NAME?
YOU WANT ME TO GIVE YOU ONE ?

HMMM, LET ME THINK...
YOU HAVE A RED STRIPE HERE SO...
POKE POKE
HYAN ...

I WILL NAME YOU "FURERUL" ("RED PATH")

OIOI, COULD YOU STOP CALLING ME "NEE-SAMA" ?
LOOKING AT YOU I AM NOT THAT MUCH OLDER...


I AM SO HAPPY... NEE-SAMA!!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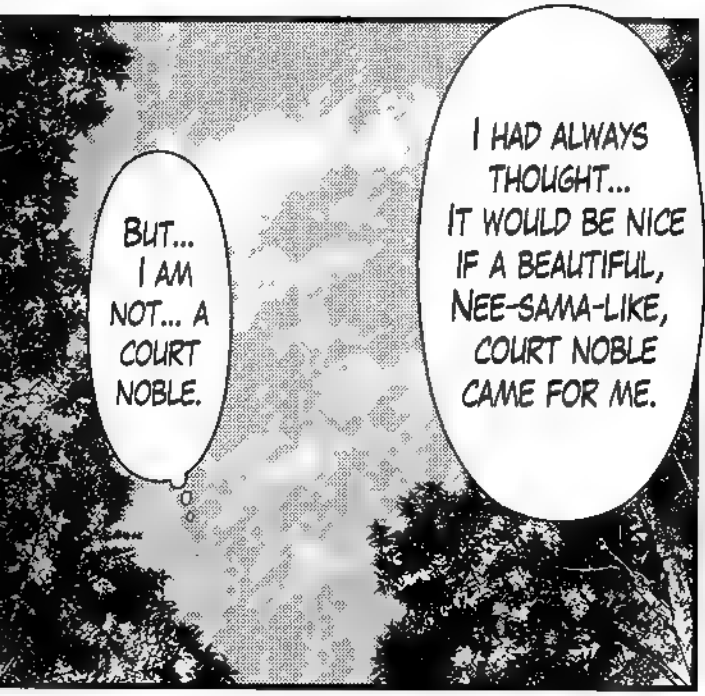
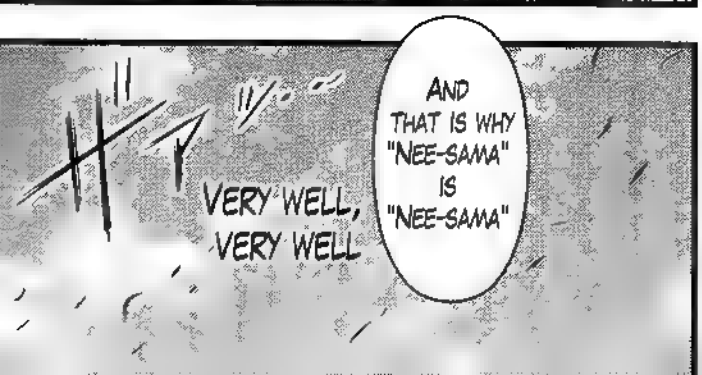
"NEE-SAMA" IS "NEE-SAMA".


I HAD ALWAYS THOUGHT... IT WOULD BE NICE IF A BEAUTIFUL, NEE-SAMA-LIKE, COURT NOBLE CAME FOR ME.
BUT... I AM NOT... A COURT NOBLE.

I WAS... BORN THE ELDEST DAUGHTER OF MY FAMILY SO THERE WERE MANY THINGS THAT I HAD TO ENDURE...
SUCH IS WHY I ALWAYS YEARNED TO HAVE A "NEE-SAMA" WHO WOULD SHOWER ME WITH AFFECTION.


AND THAT IS WHY "NEE-SAMA" IS "NEE-SAMA"
VERY WELL, VERY WELL

I THEN CONTINUED MY TRAVELS WITH THE SHIRACHIGO FOR MANY YEARS AFTER THAT...
HUU ...
AS I HAD SPENT MUCH OF MY TIME IN SOLITUDE THE GIRL BECAME JUST AS PRECIOUS TO ME AS YORUCHIKA AND KOUGEN WERE.
OH... THIS IS CALLED A "BOX"
IT IS A BARRIER THAT SEALS AWAY THE REMAINING BEAST SPIRITS.

Even if a "false dog man" that has gained a power of the moon has been suppressed it is not enough to destroy all of the beast spirits...
Such is why we seal away the remaining beast spirits inside here.
Fure, I will ask you to hold on to this for me.
From now on I will ask you to aid me.
I know ...
Yes!
Just leave it to me, Nee-sama!
I get to aid Nee-sama ...
I get to aid Nee-sama ...
Ha-haha ...

I BEGAN TEACHING HER ABOUT MANY THINGS...
JUST AS MY MOTHER DID FOR ME ONCE BEFORE...
I HAD HER LEARN ABOUT THE JOY AND HARDSHIPS I EXPERIENCED WHEN I LIVED WITH THE HUMANS.

IT HAS OCCURRED PEOPLE BUT HEARD THAT THERE WERE MANY AS BEFORE WHERE PEOPLE AS MANY AS CAUSED QUITE A STIR AMONG THIS COUNTRY.
REGARDING THESE "TAILS" THERE ARE APPARENTLY THOSE AS MANY AS TWO OR THREE AND ARE ABLE TO GAIN "POWERS" FROM THEM AS WELL...

YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED THIS ABOUT THE "TAILS" OF THE DOG PEOPLE BUT
THERE IS NO BLOOD OR BONE PASSING THROUGH IT.
WE ARE ABLE TO EXTEND AND RETRACT IT AT WILL AS WELL.

WELL, I AM NOT INTERESTED IN HAVING MORE THAN ONE, THOUGH.
NEE-SAMA KNOWS SO MUCH ABOUT SO MANY THINGS... SHE IS SO WONDERFUL !!

HUU...
HA... AH...
HHN ...
I AM FINE ...
NEE-SAMA YOU LOOK AS THOUGH YOU ARE IN PAIN
MOTHER PROBABLY DID THE SAME AS WELL...
AS THINGS STAND ...
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT I HAVE NOT SUCKED ANY BLOOD FOR A WHILE NOW ... I HAVE UNCONSCIOUSLY BEEN MAKING A POINT OF NOT LAPPING UP ANY BLOOD IN FRONT OF HER...

NEE-SAMA!
I CANNOT BEAR TO SEE YOU LIKE THIS ANY LONGER!

FURE... JUST WHAT ARE YOU-
I... KNOW THAT ...

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HOLD YOURSELF BACK AT ALL... JUST GO AHEAD AND DRINK MY BLOOD!
AND EAT MY FLESH!!

I AM A "SHIRA-CHIGO" ...
THEY ARE BORN TO BE DEVOURED AND HAVE THEIR BLOOD DRANK BY "DOG PEOPLE," RIGHT?

I DID NOT SAVE YOU FOR SUCH A PURPOSE!
DO NOT SAY SUCH THINGS!

THE MOMENT I WAS REBORN... MY MIND BECAME FLOODED WITH INFORMATION AND I LEARNED A GREAT MANY THINGS...
IT IS FINE, NEE-SAMA.

I, FURE, ACCEPT ALL OF THAT.
IT IS ALL RIGHT... I AM IMMORTAL SO I WILL NOT DIE ...
THAT THE SHIRACHIGO ARE THE ETERNAL SLAVES OF THE DOG PEOPLE...
THAT THEIR FLESH CAN BECOME AN ENDLESS FEAST FOR THE DOG PEOPLE...
AND THAT THEIR BLOOD BECOMES AN ENDLESS SUPPLY OF DELICIOUS WINE...

STOP IT!
I DO NOT WANT TO BITE PEOPLE ANYMORE!
IT MAKES ME THINK OF MYSELF AS A "PRAYING MANTIS"!

NEE-SAMA, YOU ARE BY NO MEANS A "PRAYING MANTIS"
A PRAYING MANTIS WOULD NEVER DO SUCH A THING AS SAVE MY LIFE...
I COULD NOT BE MORE INDEBTED TO YOU, NEE-SAMA ...

HAA
WHAT'S MORE...
IF IT IS YOU THEN I WOULD ACTUALLY -

BEFORE ...
BEFORE I THOUGHT I WOULD "ONLY BITE HER A LITTLE" IT WAS ALREADY TOO LATE.

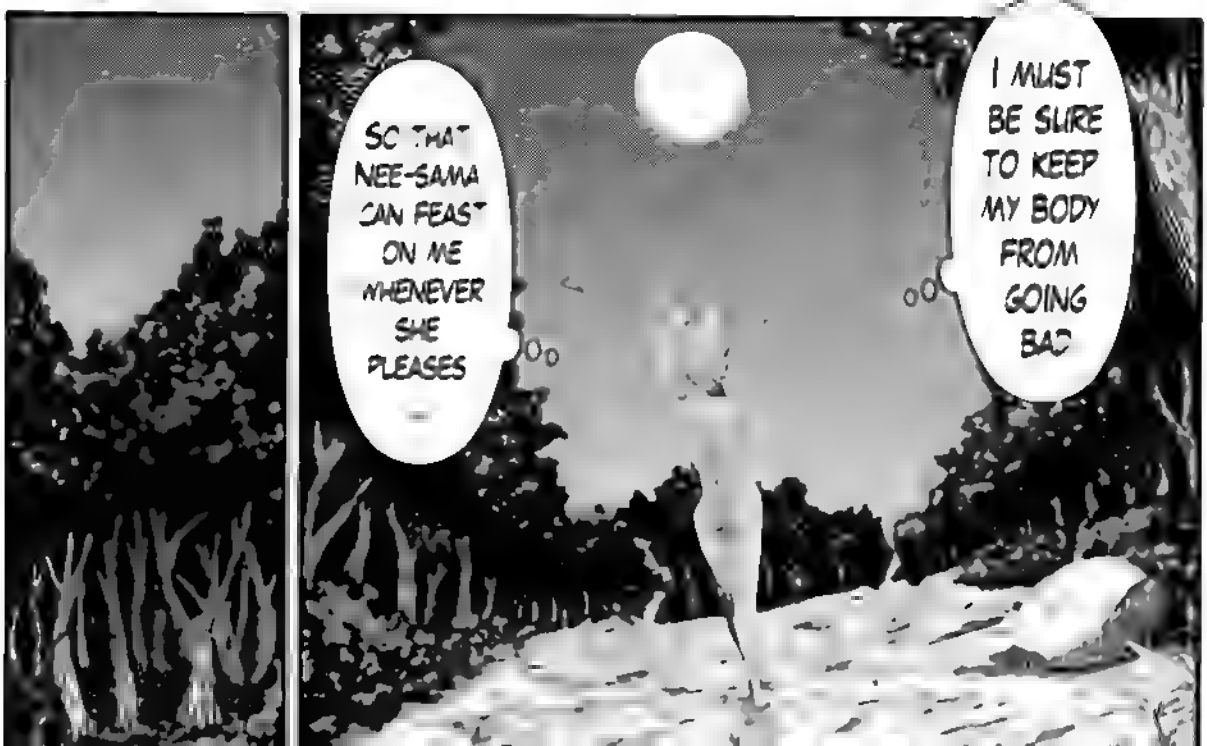
I ALSO WISH TO GIVE SOMETHING TO YOU AS WELL, NEE-SAMA ...
I DO NOT LIKE BEING THE ONLY ONE RECEIVING THINGS ALL THE TIME ...

SHE TASTED OF THE GREATEST WINE...
THE GREATEST FEAST ...
I FELT HER SATIATING MY BODY ...
AND BECOMING ONE WITH MY LIFE ...

THAT WAS... AMAZING
NEE... SAMA
...
YOU ARE FANTASTIC
HAA
JUST FANTASTIC
...
HAA

UUU
UUU
I AM FINE... NEE-SAMA ...
AS YOU CAN SEE.
SO DO NOT CRY... ALL RIGHT?
WHILE I
NEE-SAMA ... YOU ARE SO CUTE ...
HMMMM
COULD NOT HELP BUT FEEL FEARFUL FOR THIS "PERSON" IN THE FORM OF A YOUNG GIRL...

I ALSO COULD NOT HELP BUT FEEL DISGUSTED AT THE FACT THAT I WAS THE ONE WHO CHANGED THIS INNOCENT GIRL IN THIS WAY.



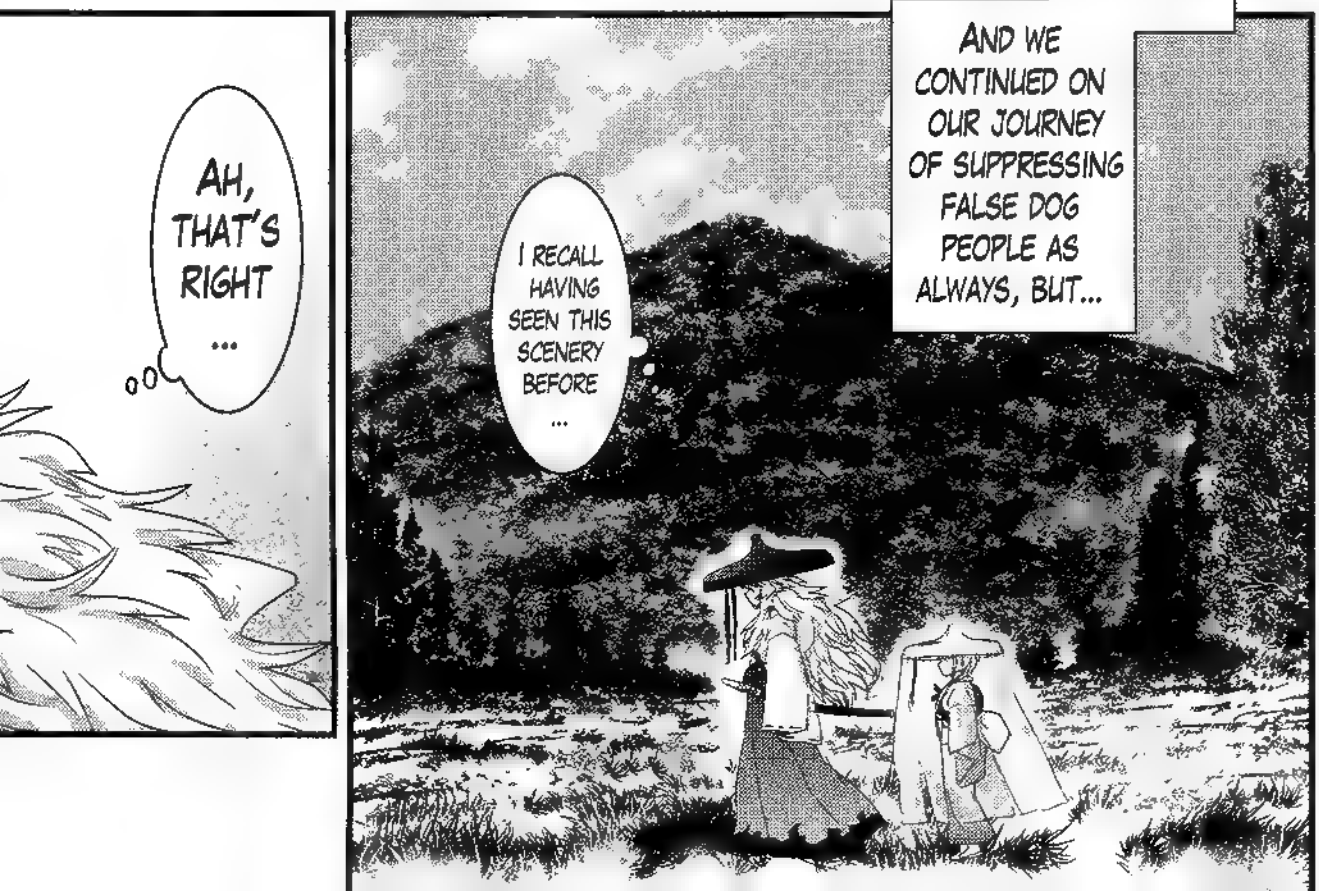
EVER SINCE THAT DAY... THERE WERE TIMES WHERE FURE WOULD GO ABOUT ATTACKING PEOPLE...
FURE!! JUST WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS ?!
AH! NEE-SAMA! I MADE A GREAT DISCOVERY!
IT IS JUST AS I THOUGHT IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THE BLOOD OF VIRGINS IS QUITE DELICIOUS.
YOU FOOL!! DO NOT GO SAYING SUCH THINGS!
I CANNOT BELIEVE... YOU WOULD GO ABOUT ATTACKING GIRLS LIKE THIS...
.....
.....?
WHAT IS THE MATTER, NEE-SAMA?

There may... There may come a time
Where you, and maybe you alone, may have to live amongst humans again and yet you ...
Kuu ...
But ...
Oh my... I do not need anyone
Besides you, Onee-sama.

I see how it is now ...
If you do not like it then I will restain myself a little more... Nee-sama.

She probably... Did this for my sake...
However by the time I had reached that conclusion it was already too late.

After that many months passed


And we continued on our journey of suppressing false dog people as always, but...
I recall having seen this scenery before ...
Ah, that's right ...

LET US STOP HERE FOR A SHORT WHILE... PURE.
PERHAPS I SHOULD GO VISIT MOTHER'S GRAVE
I HAVE NOT RETURNED TO THAT FOREST EVER SINCE THAT TIME HAVE I
WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

WELL THIS IS A SURPRISE ...
I DID NOT THINK VILLAGERS WOULD SETTLE HERE...
!?

WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE ?!
.....

WHAT ABOUT YOU?!
YOU CAN'T GET ANY MORE SUSPICIOUS
THAN A ONE-EYED WOMAN IN WARRIOR'S CLOTHES!

ARE THEY WARRIORS OF THIS REMOTE VILLAGE?
JUST WHAT IS GOING ON?
WAIT!
WHAT BUSINESS DO TRAVELERS HAVE
LEADER!
IN THIS LAND OF ORINOMIYA ?

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LEADER! THESE TWO LOOK SUSPICIOUS!
ARE THEY SPIES ?
HMM ...
I WONDER ABOUT THAT ...
VERY WELL ...
LET US CONFIRM IT WITH THIS
チャキ...

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO LAND A STRIKE ON ME THEN I WILL LET YOU GO ...
TRAVELER ... I ASSUME YOU KNOW ...
HOW TO USE THAT LONG SWORD AT YOUR HIP, RIGHT?
I SUPPOSE I... HAVE NO CHOICE.
HOWEVER, I WONDER WHAT THIS IS...
I AM FEELING SOMETHING MYSTERIOUS ABOUT HER...
HERE I COME.

SHE'S SO GOOD SHE SAYS SHE'LL ONLY MARRY THE FIRST ONE SHE LOSES TO!
HAA!
LEADER'S NEVER LOST WITH A LONG SWORD!
A...
ヒュ...
WAIT!!

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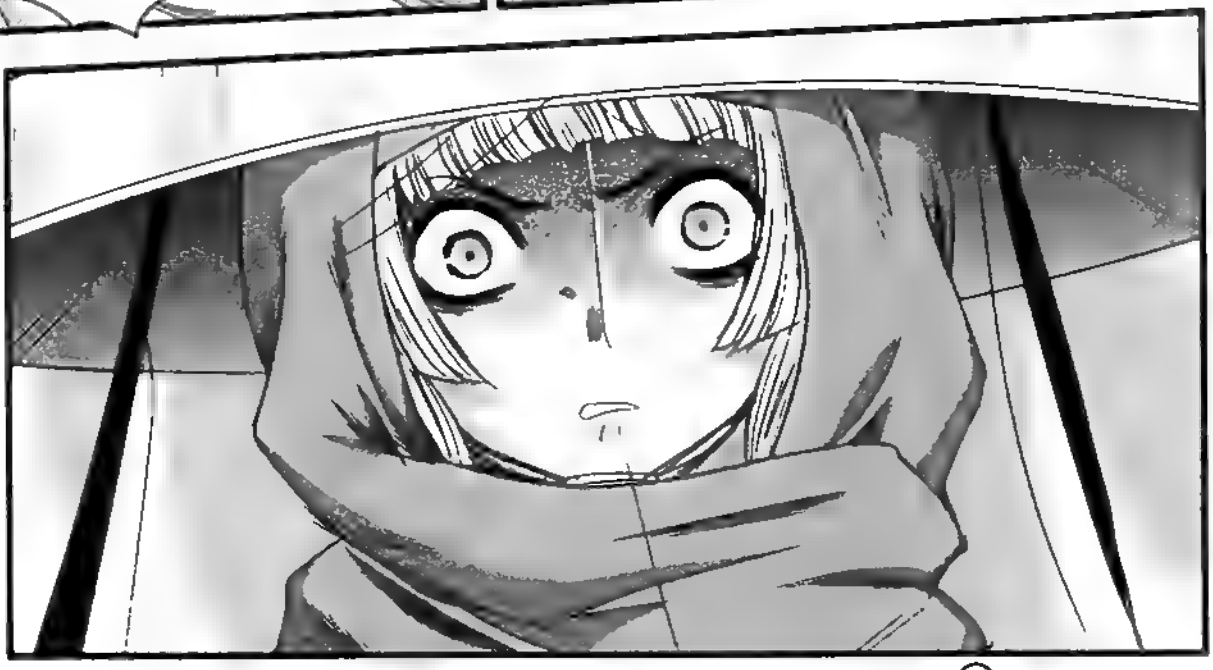
ハ...
YO... YOU ARE ...
IT... IT CANNOT BE...

KOU... GEN?
I KNEW IT. SO IT WAS YOU, OSEKAMI!
YOU ARE... STILL ALIVE?
THEN, IT CAN'T BE...
IS THIS GIRL ...
THE ONE BEARS THE SAME BLOOD AS MY LITTLE GIRL ?!

EH?
EH?!
SO THAT WAS IT!!



UUUH ...
U... UM ...

SHE... HAS EARS!
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AH
...

I TOLD EVERYONE THAT YOU HAVE A DISEASE THAT GIVES YOU BEAST EARS.
FORGIVE ME

YORUCHIKA DID EXCEL IN THE MARTIAL ARTS
SO SHE INHERITED "THAT" AS WELL.
SHE IS ALSO QUITE POPULAR.

I SEE ...
.....

KOUGEN... DID YOU GIVE UP ON YOUR HUMANITY?
DID YOU USE SOME SORT OF ONMYOUJI SPELL?
BECAUSE OTHER WISE...
I... WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LIVE THIS LONG?
SO YOU REALLY CAN TELL, HM?

I HAVE BEEN USING TALISMANS SO AS TO PROLONG MY LIFE BUT ...
IT WOULD NOT BE STRANGE IF THESE FAILED ON ME AT ANY GIVEN TIME ...
I AM NOT AS SKILLED AS MY MASTER, SEIMEI, IT WOULD SEEM ...
KOUGEN. YOU WOULD GO THAT FAR?
I DID PROMISE YOU, AFTER ALL...

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.....

IT IS FINE ...
I HAD LEARNED THE WAYS OF THE ONMYOUJI SO AS TO AID MY FRIEND YORUCHIKA IN THE FIRST PLACE SO
TO BE ABLE TO USE IT TO WATCH OVER YORUCHIKA'S... AND YOUR BLOODLINE COULD NOT MAKE ME HAPPIER.
BUT EVEN IN SPITE OF THAT!
ぎゅっ...
I KNOW JUST HOW PAINFUL IT IS... TO LIVE THIS LONG!

I AM HER "LITTLE SISTER."
THA... THAT IS... LET ME SEE, SHE IS LIKE A "DAUGHTER" TO ME...
.....
HUU...
BY THE WAY ... WHO IS THAT YOUNG GIRL STARING AT US?
!
FEEL FREE TO CALL ME "NEE-SAMA'S LITTLE SISTER" OR "SHIRACHIGO."
I WILL NOT TELL MY NAME TO HUMANS.
I... I SEE ...
FORGIVE HER... SHE IS A VERY STRONG-WILLED GIRL...
WELL... SHE CERTAINLY ISN'T HUMAN ...
BY THE WAY...

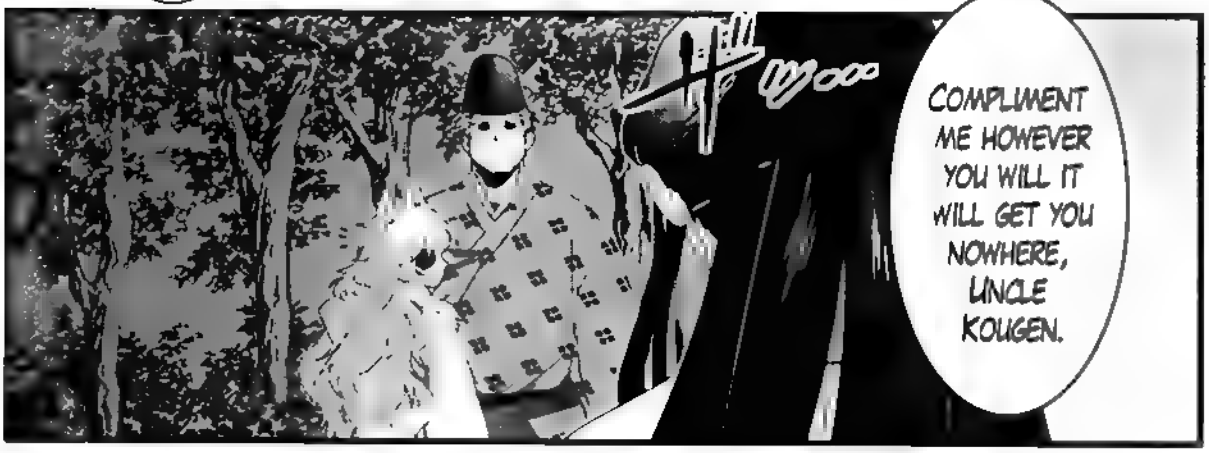
GAHAHAHA
HOW DID THIS VILLAGE COME TO BE?

AFTER YOU HAD LEFT A GREAT MANY THINGS OCCURRED AND WE WERE CHASED OUT OF THE CAPITAL
THEN WHILE WE WERE WANDERING ABOUT WE ENDED UP ARRIVING HERE...
IT WAS STILL IN THE MIDDLE OF BEING CULTIVATED... BUT ONCE I BEGAN TO AID THEM WITH MY SHIKIGAMI
IT DID NOT TAKE THAT LONG AT ALL

I SEE ...
THANK GOODNESS ...

AND REST ASSURED, YOUR LITTLE ONE...
LIVED A PEACEFUL LIFE...

GAHAHAHA
WITH THE TIMES BEING WHAT THEY ARE
WE HAVE COME TO ACCEPT MANY NE'ER-DO-WELLS...
BUT EVEN IN SPITE OF THAT THEY ARE WELL ORGANIZED ENOUGH.
NOW THAT I DO NOT HAVE MUCH LONGER TO LIVE I HAVE RELIQUISHED MY DUTIES AS CHIEF TO HER ...
AND CURRENTLY I AM SOMETHING OF A DOCTOR AS WELL AS A JACK OF ALL TRADES...
HUHU


Woo
COMPLIMENT ME HOWEVER YOU WILL IT WILL GET YOU NOWHERE, UNCLE KOUGEN.

MY NAME IS INUGAMI KUKURI.
FORGIVE MY RUDENESS TOWARDS YOU EARLIER. I DID NOT KNOW YOU WERE KOUGEN'S OLD FRIEND.

Right now we live in troubled times... It is no longer a time where people can get by living by producing things...
Nowadays it is not strange for a village to be destroyed by pillaging by enemy states.

Such is why we decided to takes up arms!!
It is only natural that we protect our village.
In addition we also go about offering our services as bodyguards so as to protect neighboring villages from pillaging ...
There are even times where we are called upon by enemies of our enemies as mercenaries so as to weaken the opposing army...

And of course we all do it for a price.
The more money and food we can save up the better!
.....
For that I need strength !!
A strength that would make it so I would not lose to anyone!!

AS SUCH
I CANNOT FORGIVE MYSELF FOR LOSING TO YOU!!
I WANT YOU TO TEACH ME THE WAY OF THE SWORD!!
WHILE YOU STAY IN THIS VILLAGE I BEG YOU TO BECOME MY MASTER AND TRAIN ME!!
I WANT YOU TO TRAIN ME UNTIL I AM STRONGER THAN YOU!!
I ENDED UP THINKING TO MYSELF THAT I WISHED TO ANSWER THOSE PASSIONATE FEELINGS OF HERS...
BUT ABOVE ALL ELSE...

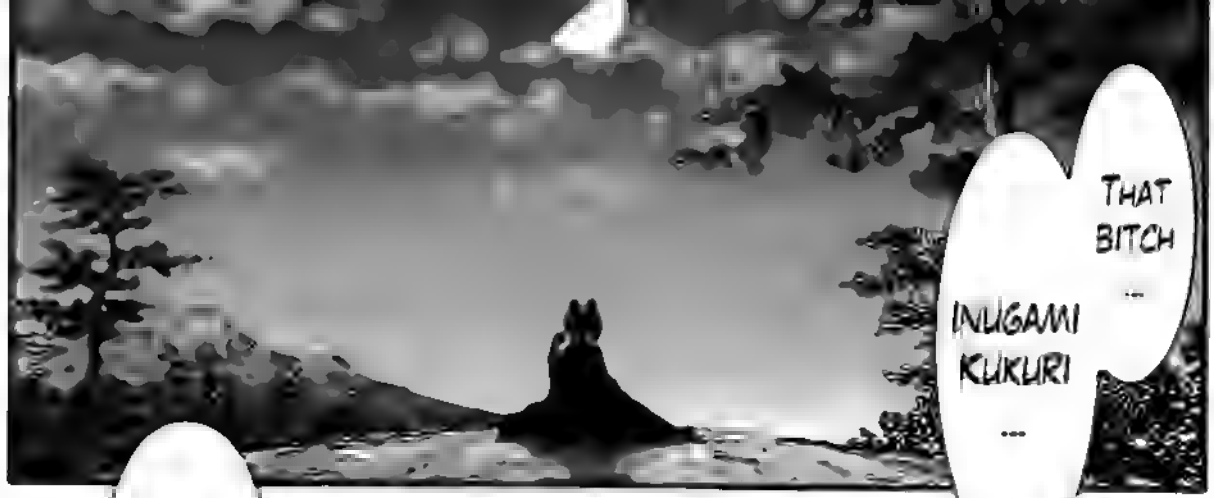
I COULD NOT HELP BUT SEE YORUCHIKA
IN HER GAZE.

I HAD AGREED TO ALL OF THIS WITHOUT EVEN KNOWING "HOW" SHE WOULD BRING ME TO MY "END"
AND THAT THIS WOULD BE MY RESTING PLACE...
VERY WELL, KUKURI
I WILL ...

AS I SPENT TIME TRAINING KUKURI...
FURE'S AND MY STATUS AS DEMON-TYPES ENDED UP BECOMING TROUBLESOME

I FOUND THAT I WAS SPENDING LESS TIME WITH FURE

THE "BOX" ...
A BARRIER THAT SEALS AWAY THE BEAST SPIRITS OF FALSE DOGMEN ...


THAT BITCH ...
INUGAMI KUKURI ...

AS WELL AS THESE LOWLY VILLAGERS ...

KNOW THE CONSEQUENCES ...
OF STEALING NEE-SAMA AWAY FROM ME!!

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ORINOMIYA WAS A STRANGE PLACE...
THERE WAS NO NEED FOR ME TO HIDE MY EARS.
MA ...
-SAMA!
THEY DID SAY THAT MOST OF THE VILLAGERS WERE ORIGINALLY ROGUES TO BEGIN WITH... SO ARE MY EARS NOT THAT MUCH OF A PROBLEM?
HHN ...
YES?
NEE-SAMA!
OH HONESTLY!

LATELY... YOUR HEAD HAS BEEN IN THE CLOUDS AND YOU HAVE NOT BEEN LISTENING TO ME AT ALL ...
FO... FORGIVE ME.
JUST HOW LONG DO YOU INTEND TO STAY HERE?
IF WE ARE TO VISIT A GRAVE THEN LET US BE DONE WITH IT ALREADY.
THE LEADER'S COME BACK FROM BATTLE!
OOOH —
OH?

!
KUKU-NEE! KUKU-NEE!
.....

.....
YOU HAVE A GOOD POINT... FORGIVE ME, TSUGUNA.

YOU'VE GOTTA SHOW EVERYONE IN THE VILLAGE YOUR GOOD SIDE!
YOU'VE GOTTA LOOK LIKE THE LEADER!

OOOOOOH
SHE HAD US "EIGHT DAGGERS" WITH HER SO IT WAS SUPER EASY!!
EVERYONE!! ONCE AGAIN WE HAVE COME BACK WITH RICHES!

MASTER!
AH!
がばっ
TO... TODAY WAS AN OVERWHELMING VICTORY FOR US, BUT... I HAVE TO GET STRONGER!
PLEASE BE SURE TO... REALLY TRAIN ME HARD STARTING TOMORROW !!
.....?
CE... CER- TAINLY.
.....!
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT I HAVE NOT INTRODUCED YOU TO THEM YET, HAVE I?

THESE ARE MY TRUSTED COMRADES I GO INTO BATTLE WITH.
ALL OF THEM ARE INCREDIBLY SKILLED
FIRST IS... OUR PROUD STRONG MAN, "SEKISAKU."
YO!
THE ODACHI USER, "KOKUNOSUKE"
THE ROGUE NINJA, "GA."
SO THEY ARE ALL HERE, HUH... THEY
ANOTHER ROGUE NINJA, "OKUMSAGI"
HM. SENSE
NEXT TO HER IS "HANABISHI" WHO, DESPITE BEING SO YOUNG, IS INCREDIBLY SMART AND CLEVER.
HMPF

HERE WE HAVE "DOUKAI" WHO IS A FORMER MONK ...
AND I'M "TSUGUNA"!!
I'M KUKU-NEE'S BEST GUARD!
HAHA... TSUGUNA IS THE SON OF A SWORDSMITH.
AND LASTLY IS "KOUGEN."
HUAHUA, MOST OF MY TIME IS SPENT WATCHING FROM THE REAR, THOUGH...
THEY ARE THE "EIGHT DAGGERS" THAT FIGHT ALONGSIDE ME.
IT IS THANKS TO THEM THAT I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LIVE THIS LONG.
HMPF...
GAHAHA!! HOW ABOUT WE HAVE ANOTHER FEAST TONIGHT?!
YOU REALLY DO LOVE TO DRINK, DON'T YOU, SEKISAKU ...
HAHA, WHAT A HIGH-SPIRITED BUNCH YOU ARE.

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I HAVEN'T SEEN GOSUKE SINCE LAST NIGHT.
I WONDER WHERE HE WENT...
KYA-AAA!
WAHAHAHA
WHA...
WHAT WAS THAT?

!?
GRRRRR...
GAHAAA
IS IT A MOUNTAIN DOG?
HE THAT... A BEAST!
D-DON'T THAT A LOG IN ITS MOUTH?

AAAAH!
KYAA!
GAHA-AA!!
UW-HAAA-! IT'S COMING!

TAKE THIIIS!
AA-AAH !!
GET OUT OF THE WAY, YOU LOT !!

ドシン
ズシン…
!?
THESE CLOTHES …
I-I CAN'T BE, IS THIS GOSUKE ?!
HUU …
WHAT IS THIS THING?
GOSUKE ?
JUST WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?
ピク
ハ…

WHAT ?!
I CAN SEE HIS WOUNDS HEALING ...
WHAT IS GOING ON?!
WHAT IS THIS POWER ?!

ガッ
STAY BACK, LEADER !!
WE'RE GOING TO PIN HIM TO THE GROUND... SEKISAKU !!
I KNOW ALREADY... DOUKAI !!
OH?!
NUOO-OOOO!
UWHA-AAAA-?!

HE WAS ABLE TO PUSH ASIDE THE STRONGEST MEN IN THE VILLAGE AS THOUGH THEY WERE CHILDREN?!
GUO-OO!
ズズズ…
GUWA-AAAA-?!
JUST... WHAT IS THIS?!
チャキ…
GOSUKE SHOULD NOT EVEN HAVE THIS MUCH STRENGTH!!
ペッ
YOU HAVE MY THANKS, KOUGEN!
!?
ビッ

ガルッ
ヒュッ

SUPPRESS!
"FALSE DOG MEN" ... SO THEY HAVE STARTED TO APPEAR HERE, TOO, HM...
MASTER?
YOU CANNOT KILL THEM USING NORMAL MEANS ...
AND NOW THAT THEY HAVE APPEARED HERE... KUKURI... I MUST TEACH YOU AS WELL ...
THE MEANS IN WHICH TO SUPPRESS THEM...

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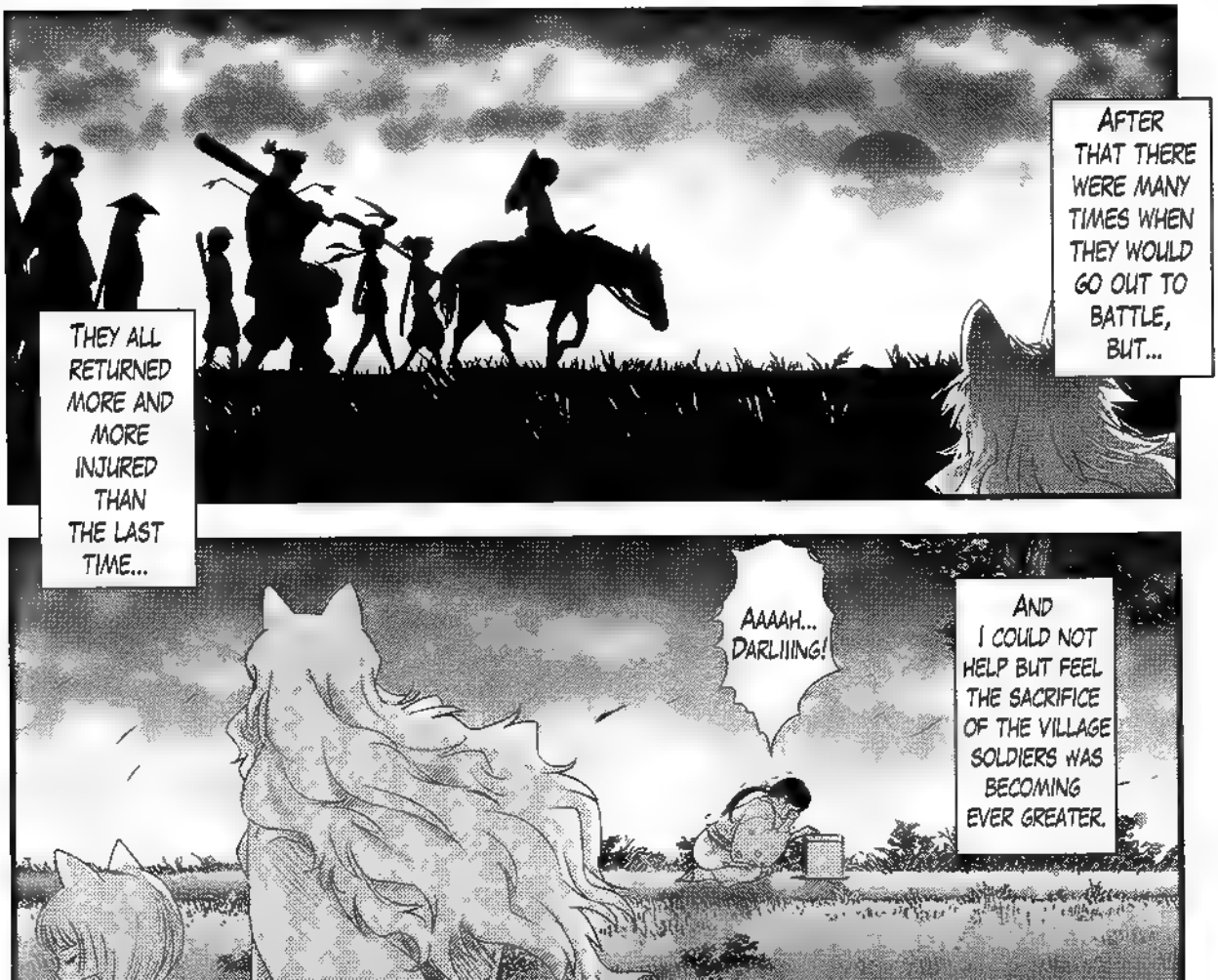
ザワ
THIS FORM... IT IS THE SAME AS IT WAS WITH YORUCHIKA ...
I KNEW IT, SO THERE IS A CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS AND OSEKAMI ..
キッ!!
……
……
THIS IS HORRIBLE !!
THERE ARE GIRLS THAT HAVE BEEN TORN APART OVER HERE!
UWA-AAAH!
SO THERE IS A "POWER" AS FEARSOME AS THIS...
A "POWER" ... THAT EXCEEDS HUMANITY ...

SINCE THEN I SPENT MY TIME TEACHING KUKURI "SUPPRESSION TECHNIQUES."
FOR A RECKLESS GIRL SUCH AS HERSELF I COULD FEEL A SENSE OF URGENCY ABOUT HER...


AFTER THAT THERE WERE MANY TIMES WHEN THEY WOULD GO OUT TO BATTLE, BUT...
THEY ALL RETURNED MORE AND MORE INJURED THAN THE LAST TIME...
AAAAH... DARLIING!
AND I COULD NOT HELP BUT FEEL THE SACRIFICE OF THE VILLAGE SOLDIERS WAS BECOMING EVER GREATER.

DURING THIS TIME THE FIGHT FOR TERRITORY WAS ON THE RISE AND THERE WAS NO TELLING WHEN THE VILLAGE WOULD BECOME A BATTLEFIELD...
THIS PEACE WILL PROBABLY ONLY LAST BUT A BRIEF MOMENT IN THE END ...
SENSEI ...
YOU TAKING A NAP ?

DOKU-USAGI ...
AND HANABISHI ...
AND MY LITTLE BROTHER, HANAMARU ...
.....
YOU ON A WALK? IT IS GREAT THAT YOU TWO GET ALONG SO WELL
HMPF, AS IF ...
DO NOT LUMP ME IN WITH THESE SIBLINGS WHOSE BRAINS ARE ALL BUT MUSH...
IT MAKES MY SKIN CRAWL!!
AH!
YOU'RE SO MEAN, HANA-CHAN!

I REALLY WENT THROUGH HELL...
AFTERWARDS MY BODY WAS COMPLETELY NUMB... I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO DIE...
WHA- WHY YOU-
IS THAT WHAT YOU SAY TO THE WOMAN YOU HAD YOUR FIRST TIME WITH?!
THAT'S JUST HOW MY BODY IS...
I CAN'T HELP IT...
HMPF ...
.....
I WON'T HOLD MY BREATH BUT I'LL WAIT FOR YOU ...
HMM- MMM ...
BUT BY THE TIME I HAVE MADE A COUNTRY I WILL HAVE PICKED YOU UP BY THEN SO WAIT FOR ME...
WITH YOUR BEING AN ABANDONED KUNOICHI THERE PROBABLY WON'T BE ANYONE TO TAKE YOU AS THEIR WIFE ...

HUHU ...
DON'T SWOON ...
IT IS GREAT TO BE YOUNG... ISN'T IT, FURE?
EVERYONE CAN DIE IN A FIRE FOR ALL I CARE, THE BASTARDS
WAIT, UWHOA ?!
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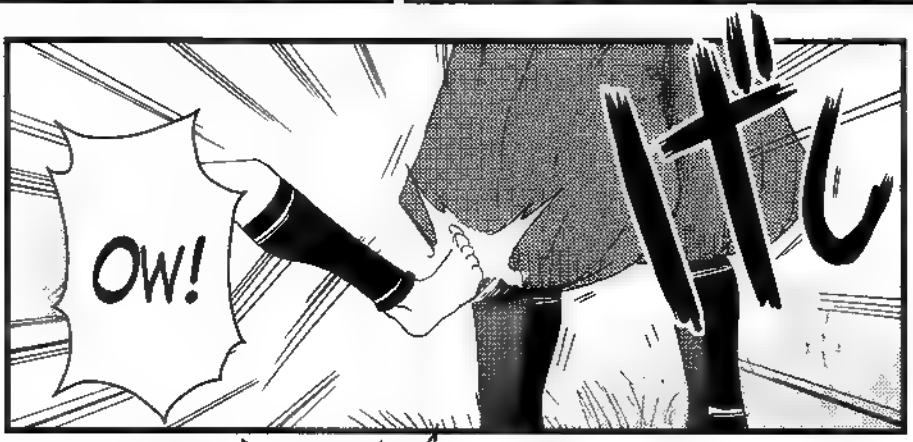
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HA... HANE-MARU!
I'LL NEVER LET YOU HAVE NEE-CHAN!
YOU SHITTY FOUR-EYED WALKING STICK!!
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?
AH, THAT REMINDS ME, SENSEI ...
I HAVE A REQUEST ...
OH? OH? YOU WANNA GO?
WHAT DID YOU JUST CALL ME, YOU SNOT-NOSED BRAT?!
AHAHA...

AAH! THAT'S NOT FAIR!!
IT IS NOT THAT SOFT...
I'VE BEEN WANTING TO DO THIS EVER SINCE I FIRST SAW YOUR HAIR... I JUST KNEW IT HAD TO BE SOFT...
RUSTLE RUSTLE
IT'S SO SOOOFT ...

I-I-I-I HAD EVEN TOLD YOU THAT I WANTED TO BE THE FIRST ONE TO DO THAT!
KUKU-NEE...
WHY YOU, DOKUUSAGI !!
NUHUHU... I BEAT YOU TO IT, LEADER ...
WHAAAA-?!
I AM THE ONE WITH SENSEI RIGHT NOW...
もふー
ズザー
THAT'S NOT FAIR! THAT'S NOT FAIR! THAT'S NOT FAIR!
HAA...
もふっ
もふ
IT IS SO SOFT...
I WONDER IF THIS IS WHAT MOTHER WOULD HAVE BEEN LIKE...
ズキ...
EVEN THOUGH I DON'T REMEMBER HER...

KILL THEM...
I'LL KILL THEM... I'LL...
OI, SHIRA-CHIGO ...
AREN'T YOU GOING TO JOIN IN AS WELL?
THIS PETTING PARTY OF OURS
WH... WHY DO I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING WITH LOWLY BEINGS SUCH AS YOURSELVES ...
I... I WANT NOTHING TO DO... WITH HUMANS ...
JUST HOW LONG... ARE THEY GOING TO KEEP THIS UP?
AAAH, NEE-SAMA! NEE-SAMA!
JUST... DO WHAT YOU WANT ...

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もふ
もふ！
……
HU...
IT WOULD BE GREAT ...
IF THIS UNEASE I FELT WAS JUST AN ILLUSION, BUT...
ポタ...
ポタ...
カポッ...
MA... MASTER ...

BECAUSE OF ME ...
TSUGUNA ...
AND... DOKUUSAGI WERE...

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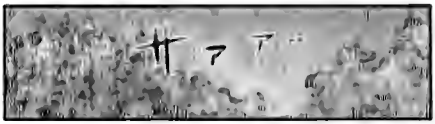
IN ADDITION TO HIS ARM HE HAS A DEEP WOUND IN HIS FLANK AS WELL...
HAA
FORGIVE ME.. ALL I CAN DO IS ALLEVIATE HIS SUFFERING WITH MY TALISMANS...

クァァア…
ポタ…
ポタ…
HMPF... I WAS WONDERING JUST HOW STRONG YOU WERE BUT IN THE END YOU ARE NOTHING BUT COUNTRY SAMURAI...
EVEN IF YOU FARMERS DECIDE TO TAKE UP ARMS THIS IS THE ONLY RESULT THAT AWAITS YOU...
ゴパッ…
LEA... DER... GET... A... WAY
THE...Y... ARE... STRONG...
ポタ…
THE VILLAGERS... DOKUUSAGI... KUU!!
DAMN... YOU!

HHNNNN!
LET'S RETREAT, LEADER!!
THIS GUY'S BAD NEWS!
DOKUU-SAGI!
HE IS THE ONLY I CANNOT FORGIVE!!
HAHAA
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN BEAT A SPEAR WITH A LONG SWORD?
AH...

!!
I TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I? I TOLD YOU THAT I WAS GONNA PROTECT YOU... KUKU-NEE ...
TSUGUNA !!
HMPF !!
FALL BACK!! WE'RE RETREATING!!
GUWAAA!

IF ONLY I WAS STRONGER ...
DAMN ...



UUUU... UUU, NEE-CHAN! NEE-CHAN!

I DON'T WANT TO HEAR YOUR EXCUSES ...
ドス
WHY DIDN'T YOU PROTECT NEE-CHAN?!
YOU SHITTY FOUR-EYES!
ドス
THEY WERE NOT AN ENEMY A RANDOM GROUP OF COUNTRY SAMURAI COULD HOPE TO GO UP AGAINST ...
THEIR DIFFERENCE IN SKILL WAS TOO GREAT...
ズド
!
ドカッ...
GYAN ...
.....
サァァァ...
FORGIVE ME...

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UHUHU ...
EVERYONE'S FACES LOOK SULLEN...
FOR SOME REASON I CANNOT HELP BUT FIND MYSELF IN A PLEASANT MOOD
MY, NEE-SAMA!
SO THIS IS WHERE YOU

!?
NEE-SAMA?!
HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA
HAA
IT MUST BE BECAUSE YOU HAVE NOT HAD ANY BLOOD FOR A WHILE!
AAH, THIS IS TERRIBLE... YO... YOU MUST HURRY AND EA-
.....
.....

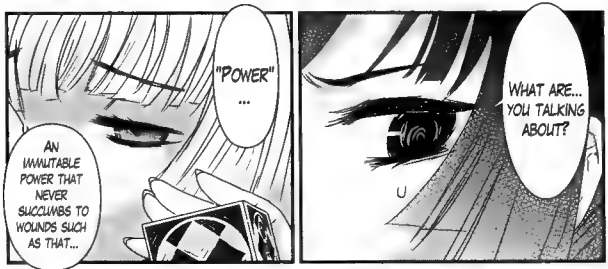
.....
I KNOW!

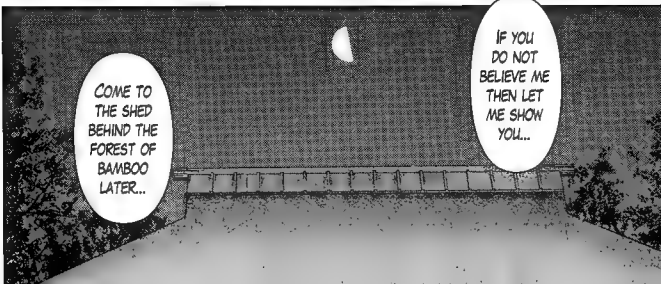
SWOOSH
ヒュ
ヒュ
ヒュ

HUMANS ARE FRAGILE, AREN'T THEY?

I AM JUST SO UNEASY
ABOUT HOW THAT YOUNG MAN, WHO WAS LIKE A YOUNGER BROTHER TO YOU... IS GOING TO DIE AT THIS RATE...
スッ…
SHIRA-CHIGO?
IS THERE SOMETHING YOU WANTED FROM ME?

JUST WHAT IS IT...
THAT YOU WISH TO SAY?
HUHU ...
DON'T YOU DESIRE IT? A POWER THAT IS BEYOND ANY HUMAN'S?


"POWER" ...
AN UNALTABLE POWER THAT NEVER SUCCUMBS TO WOUNDS SUCH AS THAT...
WHAT ARE... YOU TALKING ABOUT?


IF YOU DO NOT BELIEVE ME THEN LET ME SHOW YOU...
COME TO THE SHED BEHIND THE FOREST OF BAMBOO LATER...

SWEET CHRIST

!?
WHA-
ARE YOU ANOTHER OF THOSE MONSTERS FROM BEFORE?!
チッキ…
NO...
MA... MASTER ?!
!!

KU...
KU...RI?

YOU... DEVOURED ...
SHIRACHIGO ?!

PLEASE DON'T LOOK AT MEEE!!
DO...
DON'T LOOK!!

AHA-HAHA-HAHA-HAHA
PLEASE TELL ME WHAT IS GOING ON HERE... MA-

Do you understand now? We are a completely different existence from you all!
Through Nee-sama's love I was given an immortal body... Which I offer to her... And which in turn allows her to prolong her life.
Shira-chigo?! You... are... alive?
Ahahaha-hahaha
What? Are you afraid? You have no resolve at all, do you?
Kuu ...

AHAHAHA-
HAHAHAHA
AHAHAHAHA-
HAHAHAHAHA-
HAHA

AHAHAHAHAHA
YOU WILL BE ABLE TO GET "POWER"?
IF YOU EAT SOMEONE YOU LOVE

OOI!!
.....
IF I EAT SOMEONE I LOVE I'LL BE ABLE TO GET "POWER" ... YOU KNOW !!
ケホッ…
SO I'LL BECOME A LOT STRONGER THAN-
ドカッ
ゴボッ
ドガッ
ドズッ
GYAHHH
OEEE

GUW-AAAAA
TSU-GUNA!!
バタッ
ドタッ
ガタン
THIS IS BAD...
THE WOUND ON HIS FLANK MIGHT HAVE TAKEN A TURN FOR THE WORSE...
AAAAH!
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER, TSUGUNA !!
YOU WERE GOING TO PROTECT ME, WEREN'T YOU?!
WE GREW UP AS SIBLINGS SO I DO NOT WANT TO SEE YOU DIE HERE!!

KUKU... NEE...
カクッ
I... DON'T WANT YOU TO SEE ME LIKE THIS ...
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ぜはー
IF I'M GOING TO DIE THEN... I WOULD RATHER ...
HAVE YOU BE THE ONE TO KILL ME... KUKU-NEE ...

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AROOOOOOOO
TSU-GUNA !!
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IT'S NOISY ...
THAT SOUND OF THE MOON... IT'S SO NOISY ...
IF I DIDN'T... DO THIS ...
I MIGHT... END UP ...

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EATING... KUKU-NEE!
WAIT... TSUGU...-NA!!

THIS CANNOT...
THIS CANNOT... BE
WHY... IS THIS-
HUHUHU...
HUHUHU...
I KNEW IT... SO THINGS DID TURN OUT LIKE THIS, HM...
OI, SHIRACHIGO!! WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?!
WASN'T HE SUPPOSED TO BECOME LIKE YOU AND MASTER?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
HE HAS BECOME EXACTLY THAT...

It was just as Nee-sama said...
When men are given beast spirits they become beasts that defile and devour humans...
It looks as though he has already killed someone as well, my, how awful...
The way you speak... It can't be...
It can't be, were you aware that this would happen but still-!
チャッ..
My, what a frightening look you have...
Are you going to slay me? You will not win, you know?
クス...
You came to me with tears in your eyes asking me to do it and that is just what I did.
And just as you wished he has become quite lively, has he not?
However it seems he has become a little too lively, hasn't he... Ahahaha

EVEN IF I DID SLAY YOU, YOU WOULD NOT DIE, RIGHT ?!
NOW, FEEL FREE TO SLAY ME YOU UNGRATEFUL FOOL.
DAMN!!
UHUHU... SERVES YOU RIGHT...
SO IT WAS YOUR DOING ...

NEE-SAMA!!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT NOW?
I... WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU
たたっ…
YOU KNOW, ONEE-SAMA, I THINK WE SHOULD LEAVE THIS VILLAGE AL-

FURE... WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?
I CANNOT SIMPLY OVERLOOK THIS...
BUT IT'S JUST THAT... YOU HAVE BEEN INVOLVING YOURSELF ... WITH NOTHING BUT THIS VILLAGE, ONEE-SAMA ...
IS KUKURI THAT CUTE ?!
DO YOU NOT NEED ME ANYMORE ?
YOU AND KUKURI ARE LIKE MY OWN CHILDREN.
I COULD NOT POSSIBLY FEEL ANY LESS ABOUT EITHER ONE OF YOU.
WHAT IS SEALED WITHIN THAT "BOX" ARE THE REMAINS OF THE LOSE KAMUI...
THEY ARE TAINTED BEASTS!
THEY MUST NOT SPREAD... THEY ARE SOMETHING THAT MUST BE DESTROYED!
YOU CANNOT USE THEM FOR THE SAKE OF MISCHIEF!

I CAN HEAR THEM

IF THIS CONTINUES THERE WILL BE NO WAY TO RESOLVE THIS...
IT WOULD SEEM THAT I MUST ATONE... FOR THIS CHILDISH PRANK...

TSUGUNA WENT DEEP INTO THIS FOREST...
I MUST FIND HIM... AND STOP HIM...
I MUST FIND HIM...
!
MA... MAS'TER ?

Kukuri ...
Are you going to slay Tsugiina ?
.....
Master... Please let me go...
Tsugiina and I... Grew up together... He is like... my younger brother ...
.....
I will not...

THE-THEN I WILL CATCH HIM AND TIE HIM UP!!
THE... THEN AFTER THAT I WILL KEEP HIM SOMEPLACE WHERE NO ONE CAN FIND HIM!
THAT IS GOOD ENOUGH, ISN'T IT ?!
THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS ...
I ONCE HAD TO SLAY MY HUSBAND... AS WELL AS THOSE WHO FOUGHT ALONGSIDE ME...
THAT "THING" IS NOT SOMETHING YOU WANT RUNNING RAMPANT.
IT IS NOT ...
KUU
IF YOU CANNOT SLAY HIM... THEN I WILL...
YOU GO AND RETURN TO THE VILLAGE ...
THE VILLAGE IS IN CHAOS... YOU MUST GO AND CALM IT DOWN...

I WILL NOT LET YOU GO!!
NO MASTER!!
PLEASE AT LEAST... GIVE ME... TIME...
I AM BEGGING YOU... MASTER...

I WILL NOT
THE PEOPLE OF THE VILLAGE ARE BEGINNING TO SEARCH FOR THE BEAST ...
IF WE WAIT TOO LONG THERE WILL JUST BE MORE SACRIFICES.
TO ME THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS SUPPRESSING HIM WITHOUT DELAY!!
IF YOU ARE GOING TO GET IN MY WAY THEN I WILL SLAY YOU AS WELL!!

HNN
MASTER... INTENDS TO KILL ME...
IF I DO NOT FIGHT HER WITH THE SAME INTENT ...
I WILL END UP BEING KILLED INSTEAD!

WHY...
DID IT HAVE TO TURN OUT LIKE THIS?!
WHY?!
YOU SAW ME, DID YOU NOT?!
MY TRUE FORM IS THAT OF MAN-EATING MONSTER!!
SO IT IS ONLY NATURAL THAT HUMANS AND I WOULD BE UNABLE TO COEXIST!!
KUU
ALL I WAS DOING WAS WAITING FOR THE RIGHT TIME TO DEVOUR THE LOT OF YOU!!
THE SAME GOES FOR THIS VILLAGE AS WELL

ガキンッ
ガサガサ…
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Is that…
Is that what you were truly thinking?!
I always… admired humans…

I MET YORUCHIKA AND KOUGEN ...
AND CAME TO LOVE HUMANS ALL THE MORE...
SHE IS GOING TO DRAW HER SWORD!
チン...
THEN AS I WANDERED THE LANDS IN MY DESPAIR ...
I CAME ACROSS HIM WHO ACTED RATHER HUMAN AND THEN RETURNED TO MY SENSES...
AFTER THAT...
YES... I...
I CAME TO THIS VILLAGE ...

DESPISE HUMANS ...
I COULD DESPISE THEM...
THERE IS NO WAY

I ADORE YOU ALL SO MUCH I CANNOT HELP MYSELF
パァ...
IT IS FINE THIS WAY...
THERE IS NO WAY THAT I COULD SLAY YOU...
ピタ...
YOU HAVE BECOME SO STRONG... KUKURI... MY ADORABLE DESCENDANT ...
AAH... AH...

IT IS FINE, KUKURI ...
HAVE ME SHOULDER... HAVE ME SHOULDER ALL THE BLAME...
IT WAS NOT TSUGUNA... WHO ATTACKED THE VILLAGE... BUT... I...
ALL... YOU DID... WAS SLAY A MAN-EATING MONSTER ...
BU... BUT THAT'S... MA... MAS... TER...
BE SURE... TO TELL EVERYONE THAT...
AND THEN HOPEFULLY... YOU WILL BE ABLE TO... RID THIS WORLD... OF THE TAINTED BEAST... SPIRITS...
MAS- TER!!
MAS- TEEER!!

NEE-SAMA ...
PURE... IT WAS THANKS TO YOU THAT I CAME TO KNOW THE JOYS OF HAVING A CHILD...
I WANT YOU TO LIVE... PLEASE LIVE.
THIS CAN'T BE... THIS CAN'T BE
WHA-?!
MY BEST FRIEND, KOUGEN... FORGIVE ME...
I DID NOTHING BUT RELY ON YOU... BUT THIS WILL BE THE LAST TIME...
IF PURE OR KUKURI ARE EVER IN TROUBLE... PLEASE HELP THEM... EVEN IF IT IS ONLY A LITTLE...
OSE... KAMI?
I...
IT IS... FINE THIS WAY... IT IS...

LIVED A GOOD LIFE...
.....?
WHAT... IS THIS?
STOP... IT... THIS IS ALL WRONG...
I... I... I...
THIS CANNOT... BE... HAPPENING ...
THIS... CAN'T BE... THIS... CANNOT ...

WITHOUT ...
CAUSING ... HARM TO PEOPLE ?!
CAN I NOT EVEN... DIE IN PEACE ...
AAH... AH...
AAH..

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WHAT? BEAST SPIRITS ARE COMING OUT OF MY CORPSE?!
THIS CANNOT BE... AH... STOP IT... AM I... OSEKAMI ...
NOT... EVEN... ALLOWED TO... DIE PEACEFULLY ...
WITHOUT... CAUSING HARM TO HUMANS?!

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IN THE ABYSS

……
These are Osekami-hime's memories ...
Even though she loved people she ended up bringing misfortune
Whenever she involved herself with them ...

Inugami Kukuri, who wholeheartedly devoted herself to protecting everyone ...
ended up desiring the power of the Inugami.
Fureruu whose jealousy and desire to keep her loved one from being taken from her
caused her to spread the Inugami.
Not one of them ...

She wanted to love people... She wanted people to love her...
But the more she wanted to make that desire a reality the more unfortunate she became ...
For this cycle to have kept repeating from so long ago ...
Is just too cruel ...
Not one of them... Became happy...

I KNEW IT...
Is it the destiny of all "Inugami" ... to slay their loved ones?
Can I do nothing... But slay ...
Kaina?

YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE...
お YOU は ARE...
WRONG! WRONG!
THIS IS ALL WRONG!
THIS IS WRONG!

WHO CAN ...
CHOOSE A PATH... YOU WILL... NOT... REGRET!
PUT AN END TO THIS CYCLE!!
WHO CAN... DECIDE THINGS...
FOR... YOURSELF ...
THAT'S RIGHT... I AM... I AM THE ONLY ONE ...

AS I AM NOW THE FIRST PERSON I NEED TO HELP IS KAINA.. WITHOUT HIM
I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GO ON
I WANT TO SEE HIM!
BECAUSE I HAVE YET TO TELL HIM ...
I AM NOT GOING TO SLAY HIM! I AM GOING TO SAVE HIM!!
I WILL BE SURE TO TURN HIM BACK TO NORMAL!!

WITHOUT FAIL!!
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SO... THESE
!?
LIGHTS THAT YOU GATHERED... WERE... ME...
I SEE... SO THAT... IS WHAT THEY WERE ...
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I AM OSEKAMI ...
I WAS CALLED OSEKAMI-HIME...
I REMEMBERED
I WAS A "PRAYING MANTIS" WHO SLAYED HER LOVE ONE
AND SOMEONE WHO, EVEN IN DEATH, COULD DO NOTHING BUT CAUSE HARM TO PEOPLE...
WHY AM I BEING HELD CAPTIVE HERE?
IS THIS THE AFTERLIFE?

I CAUSED HER SUCH MISFORTUNE ...
I MUST GO TO HER.
AAH... WAIT...
FURE IS CALLING ME?
.....
WAI-
!?

KYAAAAAA
...

I HAD... A DREAM...
A WRETCHED AND BEAUTIFUL DREAM OF THAT TIME...
AAH... NEE-SAMA...
YOU ASKED ME TO "LIVE" IN A WORLD WITHOUT YOU OF ALL THINGS...
YOU ARE SO CRUEL...

I... HAD A DREAM...
.....
A DREAM OF WHEN I WAS STILL BARELY HUMAN... A DREAM OF THAT TIME
GUHU-AHUA ...
EVEN IF I LOOK LIKE THIS NOW THERE WAS A TIME WHERE I WAS HUMAN ...
WHAT A STRANGE NOTION...

I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO LIVE ON FOR ALL ETERNITY
IF FURE OR KUKURI ARE EVER IN TROUBLE PLEASE HELP THEM....
OSE KAMI ?!
OSE-!
YOU LEFT... WITHOUT HAVING THE TIME TO SAY MORE...
AFTERWARDS I DID JUST AS YOU ASKED AND SUPPORTED KUKURI AS SHE PROTECTED THE VILLAGE.
WHEN IN ORDER TO DISPERSE THE "IMPURITY" THAT YOU GAVE ME TO...
I PERFORMED THE "EIGHT KOKORI" SPELL WITH MY DISCIPLE "INAMORI"
BECOMING A "AMEFUSA" AN EVIL SPECTRAL PURE HEARTED POSSESSION
AND GAINING EVEN LONGER LIFE
ALL FOR THE SAKE OF PROTECTING YOUR WISH

As I had become a Yatsufusa... I had to be sealed away in the Oofuru Forest, but ...
I had expected such an outcome so I quietly obeyed them as they sealed me away.
Hanabishi, Hanemaru and Sekisaku... were all Yatsufusa like myself
who were wreaking quite a bit of havoc then...
"I may have been sealed away in the deepest part of the Oofuro Forest but I was not inconvenienced in the slightest"
After I did I sent one of my shikigami out and spent many years searching...
Finding the tears in my disciple's barrier was all too easy.

EVEN AS TIME WENT ON... AND THE TIMES CHANGED I CONTINUED MY SEARCH...
UNTIL I FINALLY FOUND HER BEING HELD CAPTIVE IN A CERTAIN FACILITY...
"FURERULI" ...
IT WAS THE FORM OF THE GIRL WHO DID NOT CHANGE AT ALL SINCE THAT TIME... THE IMMORTAL SHIRAOMIES...
IT WAS THEN IN THE END THAT I DECIDED TO LIVE FOR HER SAKE...

MY MASTER... YORUCHIKA... OSEKAMI... FURE...
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT MY LIFE HAS BEEN NOTHING BUT "LIVING FOR SOMEONE ELSE"...
HUA-HUA...
I MUST SAY
FOR SOMEONE ONCE HUMAN
I AM A BORING MAN...
ALMOST AS IF I, MYSELF
WERE A "SHIKIGAMI" WHO FORGOT THAT HE WAS ONE...

TO MYSELF... IF I COULD SEE YOU AGAIN...
FOR EVER SINCE THEN I HAVE BEEN THINKING ...
AT THIS POINT IN TIME I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I WOULD SAY, BUT...
I JUST... WANT TO SEE YOU... AGAIN...
TO WAKE A FRIEND... NO...
NOW... LET US BE OFF ...
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